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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Final Judgment resolving the antitrust case against Microsoft.

There are many problems with the settlement, but I am specifically concerned that the judgment does nothing to address the existing barriers to entry for competing office software suites. Competition will only occur in the market for PC operating systems when office suites and programs (like StarOffice, Gnumeric, and Abiword) for competing operating systems (like Linux) can reliably open and make changes to files created using the industry-standard office suite, Microsoft Office.

Microsoft should be required to publish the full details of the file formats used by all of the programs in Microsoft Office, but most importantly Microsoft Word and Excel.

Sincerely,

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